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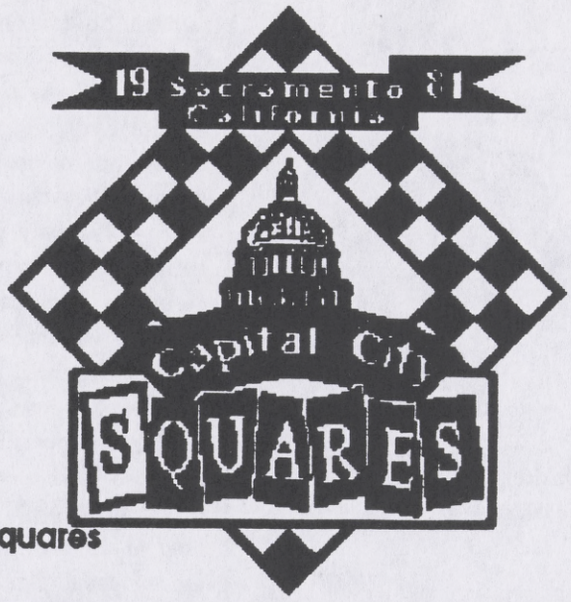


The News Organ of the Capital City Squares
A Member Club of the IAGSDC

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou ! (Happy New Year in Hawaiian)

The New Year is always a time to reflect on the past year and to anticipate the new. In reflecting on the old year, 1990, we can be proud of how well Capital City Squares has done. With the large new class, we have grown in size and importance in the square dance community, both gay and straight. We are also a larger presence in the gay community at large. We are not just that odd group of square dancers anymore. We can remember proudly and happily the retreat at Fife's last April, our workshops, hoedowns, and potlucks, our participation in the IAGSDC Convention in Vancouver last spring, our civic minded work on Election Night, and our new instructor for the Basic-Mainstream Class, Robin Alpenglow.

But with each passing year we must also remember the friends we have lost.

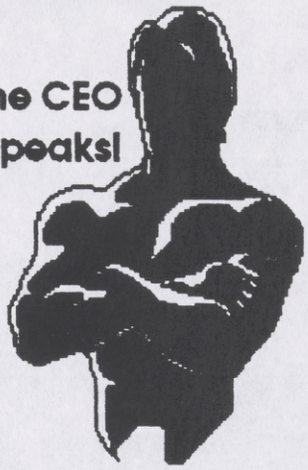
The new year, 1991, however, holds much promise for us and more new challenges. With the more active involvement of everyone, both old and new members, there is no holding us back. As we said last New Year, Capital City Squares has made a good name for itself among both gay and straight square dance communities because we are friendly, enthusiastic, and damned good dancers. Let us continue this reputation into 1991.

The new year confronts us immediately with some new challenges. The most noteworthy is the change in dates for the IAGSDC Convention in Miami. It will now be held on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-27. The reasons for the change are explained later in this issue, but all members of Capital City Squares should do their damnedest to attend this convention. It will be an exhilarating experience that new dancers and old should not miss.

Opportunities for fun abound in 1991. Saturday, January 19th is the occasion for the first ever CCS potluck dance in Stockton. And on Saturday, February 2nd, CCS is presenting a day of workshops, a potluck dinner, and a hoedown that night with Jett Roberts calling. We encourage all members of Capital City Squares to enjoy these events and to anticipate our 10th Anniversary Celebration and Retreat at Fife's in April and the IAGSDC Convention in Miami in late May. These and other events are listed for your delectation on the Coming Events page of this issue.

In any case, the Board of Directors and I, your newsletter's editor, wish you a prosperous, healthy, and Happy New Year!

The CEO Speaks!



(Jes' a'yakkin' his way thru another year!)

1991

A palindrome, among other things ... and a year already having produced changes, reflections, ruminations, and (believe it or not) progress. This looks to be a fun year we're headin' into (Pardon the sentence structure, Prof! ... ending a sentence with a preposition! tsk tsk! [something up with which I cannot put ... Ed.]). With everything from workshops and hoedowns, through our own retreat and TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at the Russian River, and on to the IAGSDC Convention in Mia–a–ami, we are gonna dance our butts off (which oughta compensate for at least some of those extra Christmas goodies I pigged on ...). A lot has happened in the last six weeks — READ THE NEWSLETTER and you'll know!!

First, though, a grand round of thanks to all who participated in the potluck and hoedown on December 8th! It was a grand success — we had (if my failing memory serves me) nine squares twirling around the floor at one point (very cozy!) and quite a number of dancers from Joe Kula's group. These people seemed to have a great time dancing with us, and Judi Kula thoroughly enjoyed the many opportunities she had to dance lead — the only problem being wrinkled and crushed crinolines owing to both partners' wearing them! It was loads of fun — a party and a half! Heck, I think we even broke even, costwise! Finally, I especially want to thank all those who helped set up the decorations — Kenric does know how to do that! Thanks — it looked great. And thanks, Joe, for a great time!

Thanks to all those who added to the Club's donation to the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home. The extra gifts and added money are most definitely appreciated, by us, the Board, and the Home. It was very generous of you. And Kenric — a thank you and a bow for delivery of same!

UPCOMING — February 2nd; Wheel Around with Jett Roberts!! our next workshop/potluck/ hoedown. Check out the flyer in this issue. It's going to be fun, fun, FUN! Be there. (There is a strong possibility of out–of–towners attending — some may need a place to crash either Friday night or Saturday night or both. If crash spots are needed, I'll ask for "vacant spaces" to accommodate these folks. Thanks in advance.)

OK OK OK O–O–O–O–KAY!! All rumors aside, the facts about this year's convention are in this newsletter. Yes, it has been moved to Memorial Day weekend. Yes, all reservations have been moved to the new date and hotel. For further info on the who's, where's, and what's (I dunno — 3rd base!), read that in the rest of the newsletter! I am here to tell you: CONVENTIONS ARE FUN! Ask anyone who has attended one. There are hundreds of people there — all of them hell–bent on having a great time! You will not believe how exciting, joyous, exuberant, and just plain fun it's gonna be. My first convention (Phoenix) sold me on Square Dancing — it's about the most fun you can have outside bed (or whatever "kinky" equivalent)!! PLAN TO ATTEND!! GO! GO! GO!

Well, enough for now! The new year has started — it's gonna be a dilly ... The holiday has given me renewed energy and excitement. While it's always good to be with you, now I've got "a new attitude" — as opposed to just plain "attitude" — and I'm excited. It was wonderful to see so many of you this last week. (Uh, those who couldn't/didn't make it last Tuesday — WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?! Come back, COME BACK! We miss you!) You all danced incredibly well after all that time off. Wonderful!

See ya Dancin'!

George

January Birthdays

4 Cindy Sullivan

8 Kenric Brown

January Board Minutes

January 9, 1991

The meeting began at 7:34 pm at Bill's and Michael's home. Present were Bill, Michael, Rick, Bob, David, George, Mary Jo, Bev, and Angie. Angie frolicked amongst the attendees showering attention on anyone with food to offer.

Our first item for discussion was the IAGSDC Convention in Miami. It is felt by the Board that even with the changes that have been made, it will be as great a convention as those in the past. We encourage everyone to go if he or she has the opportunity. There will be other details and tidbits scattered throughout the newsletter.

Next we talked about the February 2nd hoedown. It appears to be progressing smoothly, and it looks as though we may be well–attended by clubs from the bay area. Please see Kenric if you can help with decorating, etc..

The potluck is a go for January 21st at David Cogswell's house in Stockton. Two pm–ish seems to be a decent time to start, so zoom down to Stockton for a good time.

The Anniversary Retreat at Fife's was next discussed. George felt that even though the owner was no longer with us, we would not have a problem using Fife's for our weekend frolic. David Levy has graciously agreed to be the lead in communicating with Fife's to set up all the details. A suggestion was made that we try to have a Club dinner or brunch before the Dance on Saturday night at Fife's. If you have any comments, feedback, or suggestions for the weekend and/or the group feed, see David Levy.

David next took the lead in discussion of the ongoing "Insurance Question." Do we or don't we and with whom? Since the original choice seems to be a no go, the new choice is a brokerage that does not require us to submit a roster or bylaws. The cost is $2.50 per person per year, and we can apply at any time. David volunteered to write up an article for the newsletter. We appreciate the input from our club members and ask that they see David with any comments. We also thank Freeman from Western Star Dancers in the City for giving us information on this brokerage.

By the way — in the course of the discussion about insurance, we found out that James Ozanich stayed at Bill and Michael's house recently. Our handsome Archangel Bill was unaware that James had arrived and jauntily cam downstairs in his birthday suit. Bill categorically stated that "nothing happened," but he did sound a bit disappointed. [!! Ed.]

There were two new items for discussion. First, George asked the Board to consider CCS opening up a CD account so that we can stash some extra money for future equipment and equipment repair needs. The discussion was tabled, and we will discuss the CD account again when the Club has additional "Fluff Funds" (This is George's term; see him for explanation). Next, the Board discussed revamping the Bylaws to include a statement that the Board (collectively or individually) would not be liable for any accident that happens during a CCS f;unction. This would be signed by members, copied, and kept on file by CCS for the year.

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David and Bill will be forming a "Bylaw Committee," and we desperately need volunteers. Please see Bill or David. Lastly, our dashing treasurer announce that we have $2752 in our account.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Our next Board meeting will be January 30, 1991 at 7:30 at Bill and Michael's Citrus Heights mansion. All are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo Semmelmayer,
Secretary

P.S. Many thanks to the Light of my Life, Bev, for gracing us with her presence and providing the yummy brownies. [Hear! hear! Ed.]

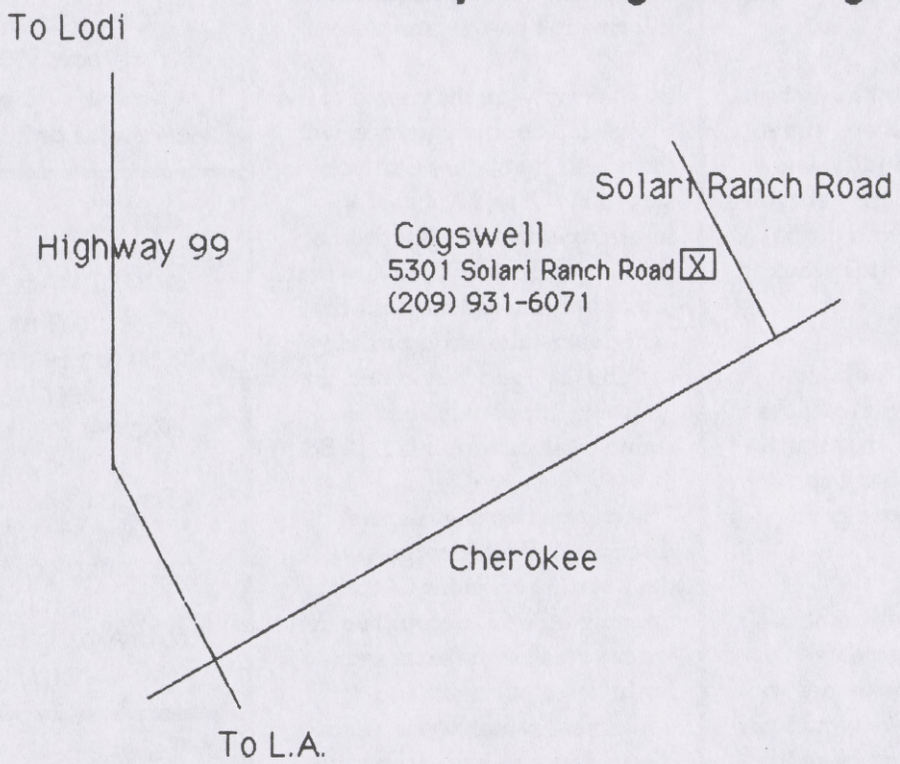
Come to the January Potluck in Stockton !

Saturday, January 19th

From 2 pm until ?

Bring a dish and your dancing shoes

Hosted by David Cogswell and Hugh Hayes



Take Highway 99 South to Stockton. Exit on Cherokee Road. Continue around to your right, heading East. Go over Highway 99 and continue East for approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left into Solari Ranch Road. Our house is the sixth on the left.

CCS Insurance

Thanks are in order for all who took time to ask questions and express concerns over the issue of insurance for Capital City Squares. As a result of your questions, and with Kenric's help, we have further researched the entire insurance issue and have found a possible solution that addresses all of the concerns we now know of.

The first issue had to do with the policies of the original group we approached, the Associated Square Dancers of Superior California (ASDSC). Their policy would have us submit our club bylaws along with a club roster as part of our membership application. The roster, along with our calendar and list of venues, were then to be forwarded to the insurance carrier to apply for coverage. The concern our club had is that our bylaws state that we "provide social and recreational opportunities for gay-orientated modern western square dancing", and that the possibility that, along with the roster, the insurance carrier could make some connection with individuals that could be damaging to members' personal insurance opportunities. This issue has the potential to create problems and was the point of most concern.

The next issue was brought to our attention by members of Western Star Dancers in San Francisco. Their club tried to join the Bay Area arm of the same organization but was turned down for various reasons. During their search for an insurance solution they found out that the sponsoring organization, in this case ASDSC, could control the times and locations of dances using insurance coverage as leverage to further their agenda of promoting all types of square dancing. In other words, if there was a policy that limited the number of dances on a particular night within a certain number of square miles, one of our scheduled events could be bumped or "not covered." Whether the Sacramento group has or could have a policy like this is not sure—it is not in their bylaws—but is a possibility. It is important that our members set our own schedule, and I'm certain that most agree.

The last issue deals with the blood reserve fund program ASDSC sponsors for member clubs. This program asks that we submit the names of three or more members who would be willing to donate blood when and if asked. This would then allow all "dancing couples or members in the club, and members of their immediate families who live at home, to withdraw credits from the reserve fund." This is a nice benefit but it was felt that participation by our club would not be appropriate at this time.

These are all valid concerns. Our club is looking for specialized insurance protection for our board, members, and facilities. We are not looking for another organization that could act as a parent or for a blood reserve fund. The solution we are now researching is the same solution Western Star Dancers found in their search for insurance. Based in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) endorses a square dancers' insurance program serviced by USDA Insurance Chairman. Howard and Loraine Backus (USDA Insurance Chairman) act as an insurance broker for member clubs. USDA is an organization similar to ASDSC but with important differences. USDA services both affiliated and non-affiliated members which means that we don't have to be affiliated with the parent organization in order to have club insurance. USDA does not require bylaws for membership and since they only act as broker, our roster is not submitted to the insurance carrier but retained at the brokerage in the event of a claim. Further, the cost of the USDA program is $2.50 per member compared to the $4 cost of the ASDSC program. I have approached USDA about their program and have received non-affiliated membership materials. Copies of this program are being circulated to the board and are available from me by request.

It appears that the type of program offered by USDA is more consistent with the insurance goals of Capital City Squares and negates concerns that were raised about ASDSC. The board is carefully considering all sides of this important issue and encourages any comments you may have. Please contact me if you would like to review any of the new paperwork or have any questions.

David Levy

Coming Events

* signifies an ostensibly "straight" event

January

13 A2 Dance (Mike Jacobs), Midnight Squares, San Francisco, Live Oak School, 7:00–9:30

18–20 Swing Thru Arizona, Desert Valley Squares, Phoenix

18–20 *Advanced & Challenge Dance (Saundra Bryant), Promenade Dance Center, Seattle

19 CCS Potluck/Dance, David Cogswell's, Stockton

24 Challenge Dance (Anne Uebelacker), BOQ, Seattle

27 Challenge Workshop–Afternoon, Advanced & Plus Dance–Evening (Anne Uebelacker), Squares Across the Border, Vancouver

February

2 Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown (Jett Roberts), Capital City Squares, Sacramento

9 *PACE Dance (Ron Libby), Bay Area

16 A2 Dance (George Monaghan), Prime 8's, Sacramento

15–17 6th Annual Rain Festival Fly–In (Pete Diven & Ray Brendzy), Puddletown Dancers, Seattle

15–17 *Advanced & Challenge Dance (Bob Fisk), Promenade Dance Center, Seattle

March

8–10 *Pace Weekend (Dave Stevens), Bay Area

9 Fifth Anniversary Party, Gold Rush, San Francisco

15–17 *Advanced & Challenge Dance (Dave Lightly), Promenade Dance Center, Seattle

16 WSD 9th Anniversary Dance (Paul Infanti), San Francisco

27–29 Rio Cucheros Fly–In, Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus & The Wilde Bunch, Walsenburg, CO — Tentative

April

4–6 "Scoot Back Again" (Joe Uebelacker & Tim Crawford), Triangle Squares, Tononto

5–7 *Advanced & Challenge Spectacular (Anne Uebelacker), Napa, CA

6 WSD Dance (Mike DeSisto), WSD, San Francisco

19–21 10th Anniversary Celebration & Russian River Retreat (Harlan Kerr), Capital City Squares, Fife's, Guerneville

19–21 *Advanced & Challenge Dance (Ed Foote), Promenade Dance Center, Seattle

May

3–5 Rehoboth Beach Fly–In, Chesapeake Squares, Baltimore

3–5 Spring Round Up Fly–In, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver

17–19 *Advanced & Challenge Dance (Ron Libby), Promenade Dance Center, Seattle

24–26 *38th Golden State Round Up, annual Northern CA Sq Dancers Assoc convention, Oakland Convention Center (next to Oakland Hyatt Regency)

24–27 Cast a Shadow in the Sun, 8th IAGSDC Convention, Miaaami

31–6/1 *Dynamite Weekend (Dave Stevens), TNT's, Roseville

June

8 Graduation Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown, Capital City Squares, Sacramento

15–16 *Advanced & Challenge Dance (Jonny Preston), Promenade Dance Center, Seattle

20–22 *25th National Advanced & Challenge Square Dance Convention, Virginia Beach, VA

August

2–4 Geoduck Fly–In, Puddletown Squares, Seattle

23–25 English Bay Round Up & Boat Cruise, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver

September

6–8 Fly–In (combined with Southern California Regional Gay Rodeo), Finest City Squares, San Diego

Late October

First Fly–In, Alamo City Wranglers, San Antonio, TX — Tentative

November

8–10 Annual Fly–In, DC Lambda Squares, Washington, DC

29–12/1 Anniversary Dance & Fly–In, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver

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December 20, 1990

Capital City Squares
c/o Kenric Brown
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Sacramento, CA 95817

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and residents of the Children's Rrceiving Home of Sacramento I wish to express our appreciation to you for your contribution of $400.00 and presents.

As a private non-profit agency we could not provide the proper care to the needy children in our care without the assistance of people such as you in the community. We are truly grateful to you for your continuing support of our program. You help make life better for the youngsters not only during the holidays.

Thank you for thinking of our children. Happy Holidays to you.

Sincerely,

MaryAnne Wood

MaryAnne Wood
Executive Director

MAW/kb

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1991
CAPITAL CITY SQUARES PRESENTS

Wheel Around

with

Jett Roberts

William Land School
12th & V Streets
Sacramento, California

BEGINNERS CLASS LEVEL DANCING WITH MAINSTREAM AND PLUS STAR TIPS

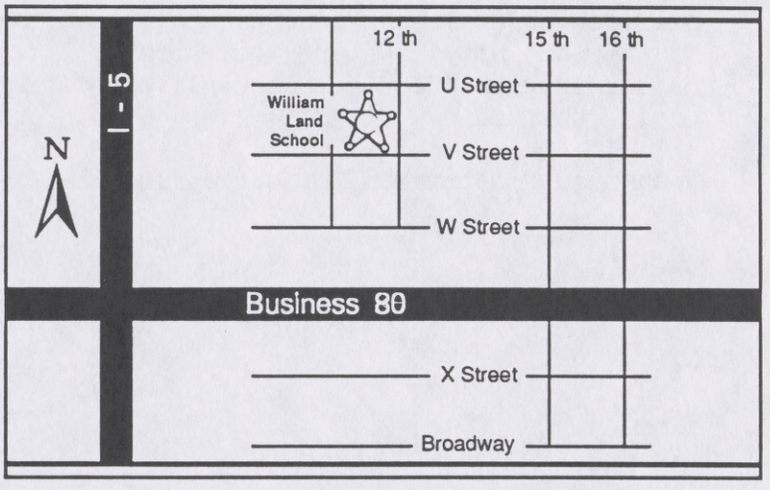
1:00 to 2:30 - Mainstream
Class Level Workshop ($3.00)

3:00 to 4:30 - Plus
Class Level Workshop ($3.00)

5:00 to 6:30 - Potluck Dinner

7:00 to 9:30 - Hoedown
Alternating Class Level and Plus Tips with A-1 Star Tips ($5.00)

Special - $10.00 for the whole day!



Kitchen facilities are not available. Out-of-Towners, please bring salads and desserts that do not require refrigeration or heating. Locals, please bring hot main dishes from home.

For more information call: George (916) 447-2271 or
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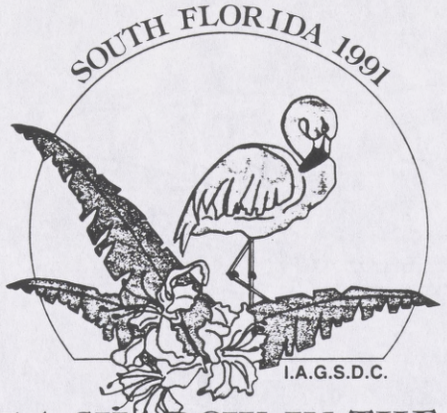

CAST A SHADOW IN THE SUN

DECEMBER 15, 1990

CONVENTION UPDATE #2

ONLY 159 DAYS LEFT TO CONVENTION

AND AWAY WE GO !!

As all have heard (or are about to) the convention dates and sites have been changed!! Due to the Sheratons' last minute and inconsiderate change of renovation schedule we find ourselves forced into a move to the **Luxurious, Fontainebleau Hilton Resort.** The reverse side of this update has all the gory details, so turn over and read on.

TRAVEL:

The **Cast A Shadow in the Sun** Convention Committee is pleased to announce the selection of **Lorraine Travel** as the official travel agent of the 91 Convention. Randy and Martin have been busy arranging an exciting schedule of pre and post convention activities. They have also arranged for some **phenomenal** discount rates on your air fares; see the enclosed flyer for details or call them at 1-800-666-8911. (Ask for the Shadow Desk.)

FUN BADGE:

The sites have been chosen. **(And they are not changing!)** One early **(Very Early!)** Sunday morning our Convention Committee, Mimosa's in hand, took the famed "Mary Mobile" for a tour of Miami. You'll love what they came up with. We've had a high percentage of people sign up for the Fun Badge Tour and it looks like this could be the largest, grandest tour on record. Make sure your a part of it.

SPONSORS:

Wait till you see what they're saying!! Don't forget to send in your sponsor sheet, with your "Oh so clever comments," as soon as possible. Space is limited, and the first in will be the first printed. If you can't find a blank form, call us and we'll get one or more on the way to you.

REGISTRATION:

The new **HOT PINK** registration forms are enclosed with this update. Please register early and use the new forms. May is much sooner than you think with the Holiday Season on us. Anyone already registered should be expecting a letter from us within the next two (2) weeks to reconfirm your registration. Anyone with a Hotel Reservation will be called to verify the status of your reservation and your arrival schedule.

T-SHIRTS

The first batch of Cast A Shadow In The Sun T-Shirts are scheduled to be mailed by the 2nd week in January. Get your last minute orders in now. The next mailing won't be untill April.

RUMOR CONTROL HOT-LINE:

Don't listen to what the girls are saying, it's likely to be wrong!! Get the information you need directly from us by calling: **Mary's Rumor Control Hot-Line. 1-305-899-1710.**

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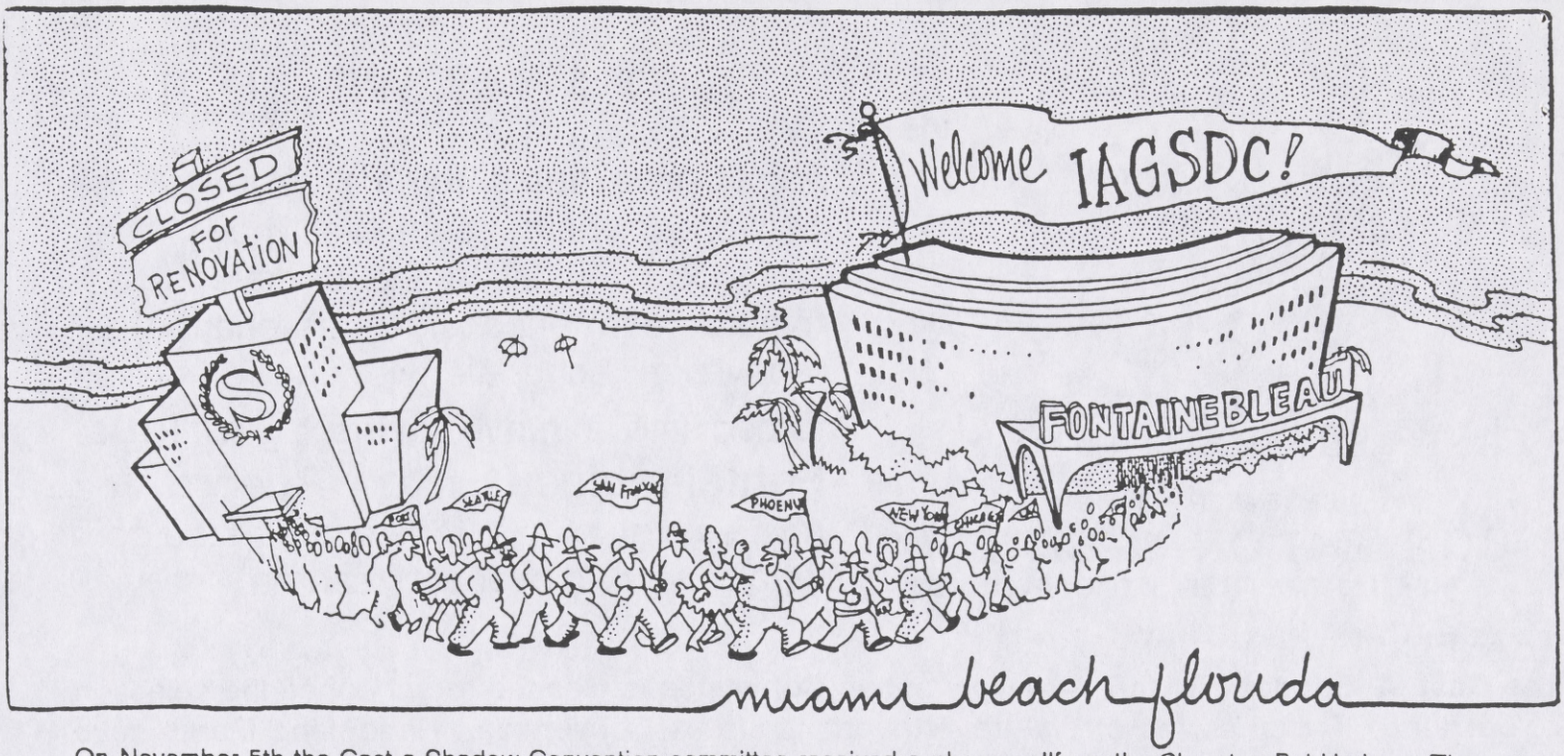

On November 5th the Cast a Shadow Convention committee received a phone callfrom the Sheraton Bal Harbour (The Convention Site). The Sheraton wished to inform us "...the NEW OWNERS of the hotel have decided to change the dates of their meeting room renovation." **TO GUESS WHICH MONTH.**

After explaining to the Sheraton the genealogy of their new owners and giving them a friendly reminder about our contract the Sheraton decided to assist our committee (Physically, Emotionally and Financially) in finding a new convention site.

We are pleased (**WE ARE DOWN RIGHT TICKLED**) to announce that **The 1991 I.A.G.S.D.C. Convention "Cast a Shadow in the Sun"** will be held at the **world famous FONTAINEBLEAU HILTON HOTEL .**

This first class, five star, ocean front resort is the finest in South Florida. The spacious dance room, the elegant banquet facilities and the many other abundant amenities are **NOT TO BE BELIEVED !!**

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Plan your vacation around this one !!

The unplanned (but worth while) moving to this upscale facility did require the making of a few changes to our previously announced arrangements.The most note worthy of these changes was the need (for space and rates) to

CHANGE THE DATES OF THE CONVENTION.

You are now invited to

"CAST A SHADOW IN THE SUN"
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 24 - 27, 1991.

We apologize for any inconvenience this necessary date change may cause. We hope with the addition of the Monday holiday you will be able to schedule a more leisurely stay with us.

The other change we wish to note is the change in room rate. The previously announced rates for the Sheraton were $77.00 Single (a few of you), $88.00 Double (most of you), $99.00 Triple (some of you) and $110.00 Quad (a hand full of you). The new rate at the FONTAINEBLEAU HILTON is $90.00 Single, Double, Triple or Quad. We know you will find this slight increase (for some of you) money well spent for this superior facility.

For those of you who have made reservation at the Sheraton we have taken the liberty of transferring them to the Fontainebleau along with any deposit you may have sent. We will be calling each of you within the next two weeks to reconfirm your arrival schedule.

We again apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause. We are planing an exciting convention and look forward to seeing all of our friends three weeks sooner.

January 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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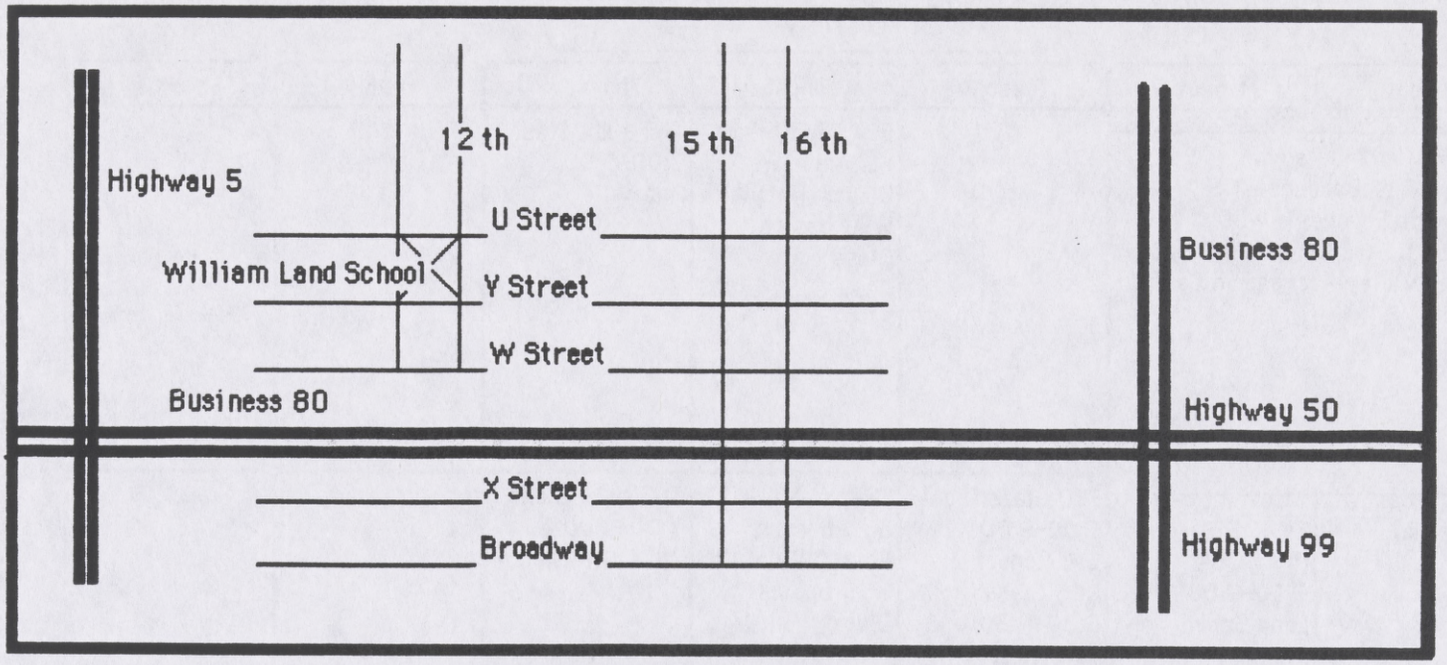

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